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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 6118th meeting of the Security Council, held on 5 May 2009, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Peace and security in Africa", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council expresses its deep concern over the resurgence of unconstitutional changes of government in a few African countries. The Security Council expresses its concern at the possible violence that may accompany such events as well as the negative impact on economic and social welfare of the people and the development of affected countries. The Security Council stresses the importance of expeditiously restoring constitutional order including through open and transparent elections.

"The Security Council reiterates its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security and recalls that cooperation with regional and sub-regional organizations, consistent with Chapter VIII of the Charter of the United Nations, can improve collective security.

"The Security Council welcomes the continuing important efforts of the African Union and sub-regional organizations, consistent with Security Council resolutions and decisions, to settle conflicts, promote human rights, democracy, rule of law, and constitutional order in Africa.

"The Security Council also welcomes the decision of the twelfth Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union held on February 1-3, 2009 which expressed the African Union's concern and condemnation of the resurgence of coups d'état that it concluded not only constitute a dangerous political downturn and serious setback to the democratic processes, but could also pose a threat to peace, security and stability of the Continent.

"The Security Council further welcomes preventive measures undertaken by the African Union and sub-regional organizations against unconstitutional changes of government."

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